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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

[OMB Number 1122-0026]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed eCollection eComments Requested; Semi-Annual Progress Report for the Court Training and Improvements Program

Extension of a currently approved collection

AGENCY: Office on Violence Against Women, Department of Justice

ACTION: 60-day Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

<u>DATES</u>: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for 60 days until [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

If you have additional comments especially on the estimated public burden or associated response time, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions or additional information, please contact Cathy Poston, Office on Violence Against Women, at 202-514-5430 or Catherine.poston@usdoj.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the

proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

- (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency=s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of This Information Collection

- (1) Type of Information Collection: Extension of a currently approved collection
 - (2) Title of the Form/Collection: Semi-Annual Progress Report for the Court
 Training and Improvements Program

- (3) Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of theDepartment of Justice sponsoring the collection: Form Number: 1122-0026.U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women
- (4) Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract: The affected public includes the approximately 23 grantees of the Court Training and Improvements Program. The grant program creates a unique opportunity for Federal, State, Territorial, and Tribal courts or court-based programs to significantly improve court responses to sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking cases utilizing proven specialized court processes to ensure victim safety and offender accountability. The program challenges courts and court-based programs to work with their communities to develop specialized practices and educational resources that will result in significantly improved responses to sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking cases, ensure offender accountability, and promote informed judicial decision making.
- (5) An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond/reply: It is estimated that it will take the approximately 23 respondents (grantees from the Court Training and Improvements Program) approximately one hour to complete a semi-annual progress report. The semi-annual progress report is divided into sections that pertain to the different types of activities in which grantees may engage. A Court

Training and Improvements Program grantee will only be required to complete

the sections of the form that pertain to its own specific activities.

(6) An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the

collection: The total annual hour burden to complete the data collection forms is

46 hours, that is 23 grantees completing a form twice a year with an estimated

completion time for the form being one hour.

If additional information is required contact: Jerri Murray, Department Clearance Officer,

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Dated: February 4, 2015.

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